

Application No.: 09/812065  
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AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the new abstract, a clean copy of which is attached, for the abstract presently on file. The changes in the abstract are shown below:

An apparatus for manipulating fluid samples ~~is described.~~  
~~The apparatus~~ comprises a micro-chip device having ~~at least a~~  
first and second covered ~~channel with~~ channels, each channel  
having openings at ~~either end of said first and second covered~~  
~~channel both ends.~~ The ~~first and second covered~~ channels  
intersect to form a common intersection having at least four  
arms. ~~In use at~~ At least three of the openings ~~to said first~~  
~~and second covered of the~~ channels are connected to a multi-  
port valve to control ~~the~~ pressure in the device.